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Docket No.: C37584/130070

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
J. SHAFFER *et al.* )  
Serial No.: 10/043,056 ) Examiner: Chester T. Barry  
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For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR BIOLOGICAL  
TREATMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS  
AND WASTE**

July 28, 2003

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby request a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2003, hereby extending the period for response from June 27, 2003 until July 27, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed with an executed certificate of mailing on or before July 28, 2003 since July 27, 2003 falls on a Sunday. 35 U.S.C. §21(b); 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, 1.17 and 1.136. A check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the required fee for a small entity pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) is enclosed herewith.

It is not believed that this response occasions any other fee, but should there be any such fee, please charge to Deposit Account No. 02-4467.

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